175th ANNIVERSARY OF THE DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA

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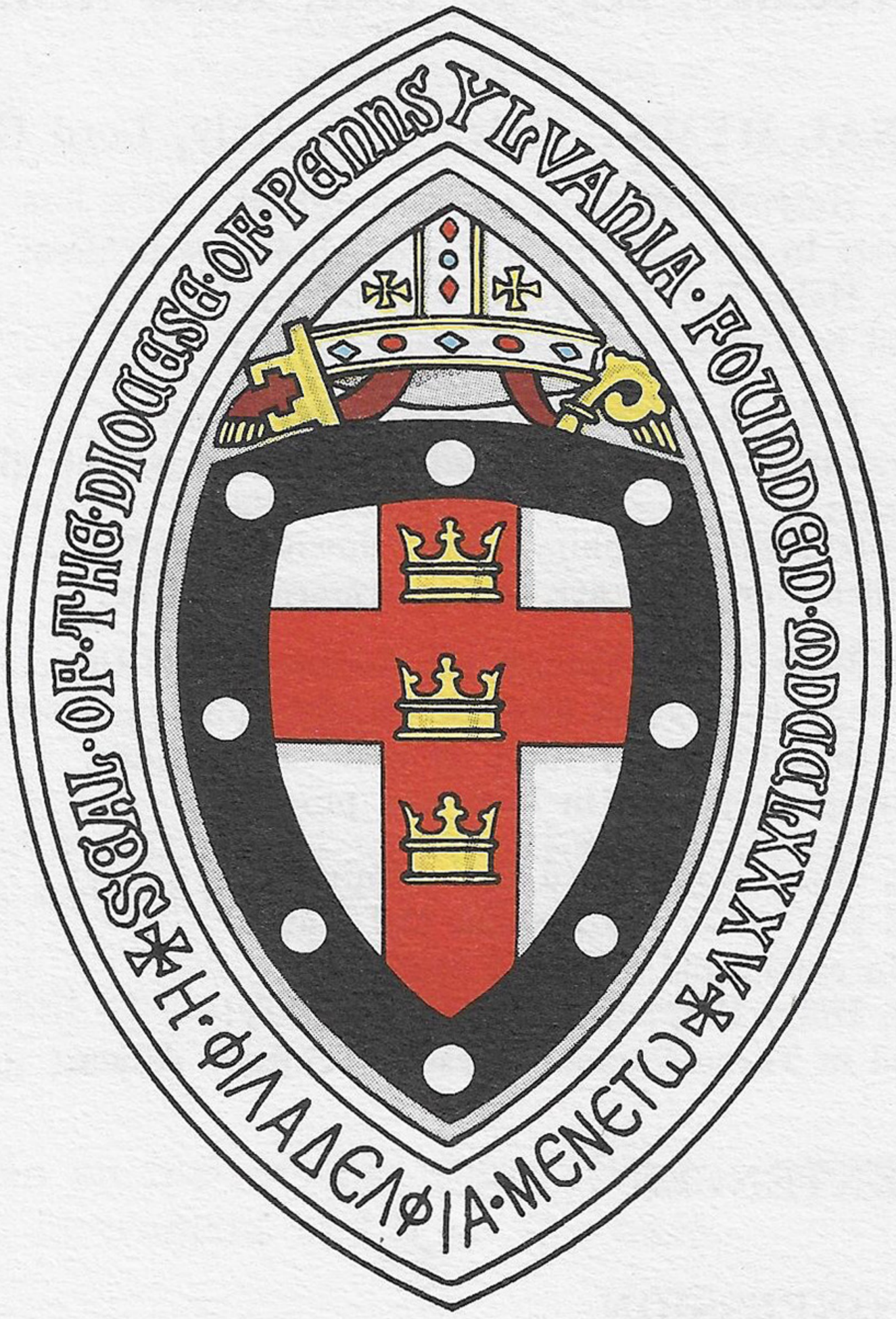

THE SEAL AND COAT-OF-ARMS OF THE DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA

The Arms consist of a shield bearing (1) the cross of St. George for the English Church; (2) the three golden crowns of the arms of Sweden, for the three Swedish parishes that now form part of the Diocese; (3) a black border with white discs, the elements of the arms of William Penn, who founded the Colony of Pennsylvania and (4) of the Mitre, key and Pastoral Staff found on Diocesan Seals. The Greek words are from Hebrews 13:1, "Let brotherly love continue."

85th ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE WOMEN OF THE DIOCESE
AND
UNITED THANK OFFERING

PRESENTATION SERVICE

Tuesday, May 19, 1959, 10:30 A.M.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:
Holy, Holy, Holy! merciful and mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! all the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy Name,
in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, Holy, Holy! merciful and mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessèd Trinity. Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

GENERAL CONFESSION

VENITE, Exultemus Domine

O come let us sing unto the Lord;
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving;
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God;
and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth;
and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his and he made it;
and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come let us worship and fall down,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God;
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth;
and with righteousness to judge the world,
and the peoples with his truth.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

PSALM 92. Bonum est confiteri.

1. It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, * and to sing praises unto thy Name, O Most Highest;

2. To tell of thy loving-kindness early in the morning, * and of thy truth in the night season;

3. Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the lute; * upon a loud instrument and upon the harp.

4. For thou, Lord, has made me glad through thy works; * and I will rejoice in giving praise for the operations of thy hands.

5. O Lord, how glorious are thy works! * thy thoughts are very deep.

6. An unwise man doth not well consider this, * and a fool doth not understand it.

7. When the ungodly are green as the grass, and when all the workers of wickedness do flourish, * then shall they be destroyed for ever; but thou, Lord, art the Most Highest for evermore.

8. For lo, thine enemies, O Lord, lo, thine enemies shall perish; * and all the workers of wickedness shall be destroyed.

9. But my horn shall be exalted like the horn of an unicorn; * for I am anointed with fresh oil.

10. Mine eye also shall see his lust of mine enemies, * and mine ear shall hear his desire of the wicked that arise up against me.

11. The righteous shall flourish like a palm-tree, * and shall spread abroad like a cedar in Lebanon.

12. Such as are planted in the house of the Lord, * shall flourish in the courts of the house of our God.

THE LESSON: II Corinthians 4

JUBILATE DEO

O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands:
serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;
it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise;
be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting;
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

CREED AND PRAYERS

HYMN: Rejoice, ye pure in heart!

Rejoice, ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your glorious banner wave on high,
The cross of Christ your King.

Refrain—
Rejoice, Rejoice, Rejoice give thanks
and sing!

Bright youth and snow-crowned age,
Strong men and maidens meek,
Raise high your free, exulting song;
God's wondrous praises speak.

Refrain

With all the angel choirs,
With all the saints of earth,
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss,
True rapture, noblest mirth.

Refrain

Your clear hosannas raise,
And alleluias loud;
While answering echoes upward float,
Like wreaths of incense cloud.

Refrain

Yes, on through life's long path,
Still chanting as ye go,
From youth to age, by night and day,
In gladness and in woe.

Refrain

Still lift your standard high,
Still march in firm array,
As warriors through the darkness toil,
Till dawns the golden day.

Refrain

At last the march shall end;
The wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their Father's house,
Jerusalem the blest.

Refrain

Then on, ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your glorious banner wave on high,
The cross of Christ your King.

Refrain

ADDRESS: Mrs. Peter Malevsky-Malevitch,
President of the Episcopal Churchwomen of
the Second Province.

OFFERING:—Anthems by the Choir of the Valley Forge Military Academy.

"O Come Ye Servants of the Lord" by Christopher Tye

"God Moves in a Mysterious Way" by Temple C. Painter

UNITED THANK OFFERING PARISH PRESENTATION

HYMN: Holy offerings, rich and rare

Holy offerings, rich and rare,
Offerings of praise and prayer,
Purer life and purpose high,
Claspèd hands, uplifted eye,
Lowly acts of adoration
To the God of our salvation;
On his altar laid, we leave them:
Christ, present them!
God, receive them!

Homage of each humble heart,
Ere we from thy house depart;
Worship fervent, deep and high,
Adoration, ecstasy;
All that childlike love can render
Of devotion true and tender;
On thine altar laid, we leave them:
Christ, present them!
God, receive them!

To the Father, and the Son,
And the Spirit, Three in One,
Though our mortal weakness raise
Offerings of imperfect praise,
Yet with hearts bowed down most lowly,
Crying, Holy! Holy! Holy!
On thine altar laid, we leave them:
Christ, present them! God, receive them! Amen.

PRAYERS: We remember before God those who, having finished their course in faith, do now rest from their labors:

IDA WOOD HARRY
CELIA BOLLES NICHOLSON
HELEN FAULKNER ARNDT
ELIZABETH CATHERINE HOUSTON
D. ANNA DONALDSON WALKER
CLARA VIRGINIA STACKHOUSE
DOROTHY GARDNER BROOKS
MARY CONSTANCE CURTIN
MARGARET HORSTMANN PACKARD

whose names have recently been entered into the Book of Remembrance.

UNITED THANK OFFERING PRAYER (said by congregation)

O Lord, our heavenly Father, we pray thee to send forth more laborers into thy harvest, and to grant them thy special grace for every need. Guard and guide the workers in the field and draw us

into closer fellowship with them. Dispose the hearts of all women everywhere to give gladly as thou hast given to them. Accept from grateful hearts, our United Thank Offering of prayer and gifts and joyful service, and bless it to the coming of thy kingdom through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN: O Master, let me walk with thee

O Master, let me walk with thee
In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me Thy secret; help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move
By some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,
And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me thy patience; still with thee
In closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
In trust that triumphs over wrong,

In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future's broadening way,
In peace that only thou canst give,
With thee, O Master, let me live.
Amen.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN: Go forward, Christian soldier

Go forward, Christian soldier,
Beneath his banner true:
The Lord himself, thy Leader,
Shall all thy foes subdue.
His love foretells thy trials;
He knows thine hourly need;
He can with bread of heaven
Thy fainting spirit feed.

Go forward, Christian soldier,
Nor dream of peaceful rest,
Till Satan's host is vanquished
And heaven is all possessed;
Till Christ himself shall call thee
To lay thine armor by,
And wear in endless glory
The crown of victory.

Go forward, Christian soldier,
Fear not the secret foe;
Far more o're thee are watching
Than human eyes can know:
Trust only Christ, thy Captain;
Cease not to watch and pray;
Heed not the treacherous voices
That lure thy soul astray.

Go forward, Christian soldier,
Fear not the gathering night:
The Lord has been thy shelter;
The Lord will be thy light.
When morn his face revealeth,
Thy dangers all are past:
O pray that faith and virtue
May keep thee to the last!

The Great Diocese of Pennsylvania

The early settlers in Pennsylvania were Dutch, Swedes, English and Welsh. The Swedes established Gloria Dei in 1642. 200 years later it became part of the Episcopal Church.

Old Christ Church was established in 1695. By 1712, there were 10 Episcopal Churches in this area, all under the direction of the Church of England. Missionaries sent out by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, established in 1701, ministered to many of these early Churches.

After the Revolutionary War, in 1784 the Rev. Dr. William White, rector of Christ Church, together with representatives of the other Churches in Pennsylvania organized the Diocese. Dr. White was consecrated Bishop in 1787 in England. Bishop White is given credit for the establishment of many Diocesan and secular organizations.

In 1836, he was succeeded by Bishop Onderdonk. Then came Bishop Potter, the great organizer, 1845-65. He started some fifty Churches and various institutions such as the Episcopal Hospital and the Divinity School.

Bishop Stevens (1865-1887) continued the development of the Diocese and was responsible for the organization of sixty-three Churches. During this period, the Diocese was divided and the present area established. The Churches in the rest of the state eventually becoming four other Dioceses. There followed in succession, Bishop Whitaker (1887-1911), Bishop Mackay-Smith (1911), Bishop Rhinelander (1911-1923), Bishop Garland (1924-1931) and Bishop Taitt (1931-1943).

Today under Bishop Hart, who has served since 1943, we have 204 Churches, 86,202 Communicants, 27,226 Sunday School scholars and 18 institutions. The Bishop and the Suffragan, together with the Deans of the Convocations have extended the missionary work of the Diocese into many newly developed areas.

The Diocese of Pennsylvania is the second largest Diocese in the American Church.